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SUBJ: POLICY: PROCESSING PROCEDURES STATE 20854 (PARA 19)

1. REF: OPS INCREASINGLY CONFROMTED WITH SITUATION OF REFUGEES
HAVING IMMEDIATE RELATIVES IN U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRY AS
WELL. IN SOME SUCH CASES, THIRD COUNTRIES HAVE ACCEPTED
REFUGEES ON BASIS OF CLOSE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP ONLY TO
HAVE REFUGEES REFUSE RESETTLEMENT, OPTING INSTEAD TO JOIN
IMMEDIATED RELATIVES IN U.S. POSE HAS FELT OBLIGED, UNDER
CURRENT GUIDLEINES, TO ACCEPT SUCH CASES BECAUSE OF THEIR
STATUS AS U.S. CATS I.

2. SITUATION, AS OUTLINED ABOVE, CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR THIRD
COUNTRY PROGRAMS. WHEN ONLYE FAMILY OF ELEVEN OPTED OUT,
AT LAST MINUTE, OF AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM IN FAVOR OF JOINING
DAUGHTER IN U.S., QANTAS CHARTER LEFT MALAYSIA WITH
SOME EMPTY SEATS.

3. SUGGEST BEST POLICY WOULD BE THAT REFUGEES WITH IMMEDIATE
RELATIVES IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY MUST ACCEPT RESETTLEMENT
IN COUNTRY OF AFFINITY FIRST OFFERING RESETTLEMENT. PLEASE
ADVISE.

4. CONCERNING IMMIGRANT VISA CASES, PETITIONERS ARE OFTEN
RETICENT TO FILE I-131'S ON BEHALF OF REFUGEE BENEFICIARIES.
PETITIONERS FEEL STATEMENT (I-131 - PARA 9) THAT REFUGEES
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WILL NOT BECOME PUBLIC CHARGER WILL PRECLUDE REFUGEE
IMMIGRANTS, RPT IMMIGRANTS, FROM ALL FORMS
FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL ASSISTANCE FOR WHICH PAROLEES RPT PAROLEES
MIGHT QUALIFY.

5. AS REFUGEE BENEFICIARIES OF I.V.'S ARE UNUSUAL IMMIGRANTS,
DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AS TO EXACTLY HOW PARA (9) - I-131

APPLIES IS REQUESTED.

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